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Pertinent Topics Discussed by H.C.

That Nazi official who tells Germans living abroad that their duty is to the Fatherland is only embarrassing them. It is not an original doctrine with him. It was preached for ten years before the war. The pan-German alliance was organized to preach it. Affection for the country of one's birth is natural, but duty marches with the oath of nationalization. This Nazi official tells them their German birth is the will of God and that they are going against Providence when they serve any other country. Germans, resident in Canada, are among our best citizens, industrious, thrifty, sober and law-abiding. They will not be influenced by any Nazi claim that they are bound by the accident of birth to maintain fealty to the Fatherland.

We should like to know just what the judgment of that Nazi official would be in this case: A man born in England takes up his residence in Berlin, goes into business, enjoys (if this is the right word) the blessings of Nazi culture, supervision and government, is he expected to observe this Nazi rule with respect to the place of his birth, or does it apply only to Germans living abroad

There is the case also of Jews born in Germany. Why treat them as pariahs when it was the will of God that they should be born in Germany? Those of them, like Einstein, who are exiles, is it their duty to retain their allegiance to the Fatherland?

One of the wise sayings of Lord Palmerston was "Nothing can be more deplorable than a heritage of triumphant wrong." That is the sort of heritage that Mussolini calls upon his people to celebrate, not deplore.

Every day, in many a way, we are paying the cost of the last war and discussing when the next one will break. Civilization is certainly a glutten for punishment.

A writer complains of the quality of liquors sold in government dispensaries—says it does not compare with the pre-war stuff. Bismarck's favorite drink was brandy. Even when making a speech in the Reichstag he had a glass of it at hand. His biographer tells how he used to complain in later years that the quality had deteriorated and would rail against the distillers. He learned afterwards that the change was in himself not in the brandy. The same may apply to this man who remembers with pleasure what the pre-war stuff was like, and thinks with regret that what he buys today is not fit for heroes to drink.

The government at Ottawa, discov-

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Vulcan--- 11 Years Ago

Interesting Items Gleaned from the Files to The Vulcan Advocate September 30th, 1925

The School Fair held that year was a great success despite adverse weather conditions which made it necessary to hold all competitions in the curling and skating rinks. In glancing over the prize lists it is interesting to note that Jack Lebeau was awarded a prize for the best baked rice pudding and that Reggie Stein carried off the honours for drop cookies. All High School Art competitions were won by Marian Lebeau.

On September 30th, 1925, it had been raining and snowing for more than five days. All threshing operations were suspended, roads were impassable, and the roofs of two or three buildings in town had collapsed due to the weight of the snow.

The Alberta Wheat Pool was sponsoring a big membership drive at that time with good results.

Saturday night dances were held in the Odd Fellows' hall that year and were very popular. Music was furnished by the International Collegians of Calgary.

The current picture show at the Opera House was "Gold Heels."

Milo Tennis Players Win In Tournament

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Vulcan tennis courts last Sunday, when six members of the Milo Tennis Club motored over to engage the local players in a friendly inter-town tournament. Results of the tournament were based on the total number of games played, Milo winning with a margin of 18 games. Final score was Milo 71, Vulcan 53. Results of the various sets played were as follows, Milo players being named first in each match.

In the men's doubles, Marsden and Haggins defeated Craig and Woodward, 6-4; Chevalier and Allergoth defeated Nichol and Munro 6-4; Marsden and Haggins defeated Munro and Craig 6-5. In the ladies' doubles, McConnel and Jones lost to D. McPherson and Robson 6-6. In the mixed doubles, Jones and Allergoth defeated M. McPherson and Woodward 6-2; McConnel and Chevalier defeated D. McPherson and Salvage 6-2; Jones and Allergoth defeated Robson and Salvage 6-1. In the men's singles, Allergoth defeated Munro 6-3; Marsden defeated Craig 6-5; Chevalier defeated Munro 6-5; Allergoth defeated Craig 6-4; Haggins was defeated by Woodward 6-4. In the ladies' singles, Miss McConnel was defeated by Mable McPherson 2-6.

It is expected that the Vulcan club will be hosts to the Champion tennis players on this coming Sunday, October 4th.

TREE PLANTING CAR

The Canadian Forestry Association's tree planting car will be in Vulcan tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 2nd. During the afternoon, arrangements will be made, if possible, for the school pupils to attend special meetings and a meeting will be held in the evening to which the older people are invited.

The program, mostly in sound, covers a variety of subjects, including industrial pictures, fishing, wild life, visits to different parts of Canada, as well as those relating to the subject of tree planting and home beautification. Those who attend will find the program both educational and entertaining. There is no admission fee or charge of any kind.

ENTERTAINMENT HELD

In honor of Miss Muriel Johnston and Mr. Herbert Harriman, whose marriage will take place this week, Mrs. Robt. Middleton, Mrs. Frank Middleton and Mrs. O. Anderson, entertained last Friday afternoon.

Games were enjoyed by about twenty guests. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostesses and many were the good wishes extended to Miss Johnston and Mr. Harriman for a long and happy married life.

Ensign News

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McRea of Shoultice were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Brennen. While here they visited old friends of previous years.

The Catholic Women's League recently met at the home of Mrs. O'Connell at Brant. Eleven members and two visitors were present. Plans were made to hold a monthly series of card parties and dances, commencing on Friday, Oct. 2nd. At the end of the series, grand aggregate prizes for the highest scores will be presented. Prizes will be given at each party for highest scores in whist and bridge.

Miss Johnson was a week end visitor at her home in Picture Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Churchill of Spokane are visiting at the home of the former's brother, George Churchill.

Miss E. Archambault is spending a few days in Lacombe, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Galloway.

The Women's Institute recently held a party at the home of Mrs. Brown in honor of Miss Jean Elston. Miss Elston is shortly leaving for the States.

Board of Trade To Urge Gov't Keep Highways Open During Winter

GOV'T WILL BUY CATTLE

The government policy of buying cattle from the drought area, which includes Vulcan district, is now in effect. The price of one cent per pound will be paid at the packing plants, the freight cost being taken care of by the government. A representative of the government, Mr. R. McLean, was in Vulcan Tuesday looking over the situation. Any farmers wishing to sell cattle under this plan are advised to get in touch with D. D. McQueen, secretary-treasurer of the M.D. of Royal, stating the number of cattle they wish to sell. The government will accept any number.

Hi-School Rugby Team See Game at Calgary

Three car-loads of students, including the high school rugby squad, motored to Calgary on Saturday last to take in the rugby game there between Regina and Calgary. Two of the local school teachers also were Calgary visitors, Orval Doney and James Enright, who is coach of the Vulcan rugby team. Included in the party were Pat Roe, Charles Carson, Neil Almond, Bob Willard, Fred Craig, Stuart Campbell, Douglas Jamison, Jack McFarlane, T. Myers, Bill Monkman, Wm. Weale, John McPherson, Allan and Douglas Smith. George Monkman was also a member of the party.

Fire Prevention Week October 4th to 10th

By Royal Proclamation, His Excellency, the Governor General, has designated October 4th to October 10th as Fire Prevention Week.

The general public is vitally affected by the tremendous waste of life and property by fire and the enormous expenditures entailed by the Dominions' fire protection services.

As statistics conclusively prove that eighty per cent. of all fires occur as the result of individual carelessness, the urgency of such a proclamation, which is intended to bring home to everyone, both young and old, the necessity of more careful practices, can readily be seen.

VULCAN HOSPITAL NOTES

It is with great regret that the hospital has accepted the resignation of Miss Rose Hartwig. Miss Hartwig will return to Nelson, B.C., to resume her nursing and also her study of music. Miss Marjorie Hopkins of Champion, has accepted the appointment to fill this vacancy.

The Mayview U.F.W.A. have assisted greatly in the fall sewing of the hospital. This help was greatly appreciated.

Herbert McDannold, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDannold, is a patient in the hospital having undergone a major operation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. "Curly" Peacock, on September 28th, a son.

The condition of Mrs. Peter Bowie remains about the same.

Mrs. L. Jackson of Ensign, is a patient in the hospital. She is convalescing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. White, on September 28th, a son.

Mrs. Lizzie Payne of Queenstown, is a patient in the hospital.

Friends of Miss Eleanor Jennijohn will be sorry to learn that she is a patient in the hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sukaross on September 25th, a son.

Mr. George Hill underwent an operation recently. His condition is reported good.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Love, on September 25th, a girl.

Friends of Mrs. W. G. Peterson will be sorry to hear that she is a patient in the hospital.

Will Urge Government to Erect Snow Fences and Give Regular Snowplow Service on Highway 23 This Winter

After a lapse of two months, regular meetings of the Vulcan Board of Trade were resumed when that organization held their September meeting in the Memorial hall on Thursday evening, Sept. 24th. The program to be followed for the fall and winter months was outlined and fully discussed. The main discussion centred around the keeping open of the highway and the main district roads. President O. L. McPherson was of the opinion that a little concerted action on the part of the Trade Board and Municipalities would help in persuading the government to erect "snow fences and give regular snowplow service on Highway No. 23. Various means of keeping the main district roads open were discussed and it was decided to urge the surrounding Municipalities to do all in their power to keep these "feeder" roads open.

The secretary's report showed that the Trade Board was in good financial standing and that expenses of the Dollar Day, sponsored by the organization on August 27th, had been met with no over-expenditure. It was decided at the meeting that only one Dollar Day would be held each year, as it was felt that if such shopping days were held too often they would lose their effect.

A letter from the Claresholm Men's Club was read, inviting members of the Vulcan Board to attend a meeting of the Claresholm group on Oct. 6th. The invitation was accepted and about four carloads from Vulcan will make the trip.

Considerable discussion was held on the erection of "Buy at Home" signs, a committee being finally appointed to canvass the merchants for donations to cover the cost of the signs. The signs will be erected on the main district roads.

The problem of water conservation in the Vulcan district occupied the members' attention for some time and the secretary was instructed to write to the Dominion Government department in an effort to have a representative give an address on the subject at Vulcan in the near future.

A resolution was passed asking the Highways Dept. of the Provincial Gov't to erect signs at junctions on Highway No. 23 which will give more specific directions to motorists. The Department will also be asked to erect signs marking hills and knolls and warning motorists to keep to the right.

Before the meeting adjourned, a motion was made and carried that a complimentary membership in the Board of Trade be tendered the Canadian Legion.

Wedding Bells

CARKNER — BUSSE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jennijohn was the setting for a pretty wedding on Sunday, September 27, when Miss Clara Busse of Cayley, became the bride of Mr. Harold Carkner of Calgary. The Rev. P. G. McPherson officiated.

The bride was becomingly gowned in navy blue chiffon velvet and was given in marriage by Mr. Jennijohn.

Mr. W. G. Peterson supported the bridegroom. The bride was unattended.

A buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. Jennijohn to about twenty guests. The reception rooms were tastefully decorated with bronze chrysanthemums.

Mr. and Mrs. Carkner will reside in Calgary. (Mrs. Carkner is a former teacher of the Buffalo Hills school).

ARMSTRONG — PATELSKY

The marriage of Norman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Armstrong of Armada, and Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Patelsky of Travers, took place on Saturday, September 26th. Rev. P. G. McPherson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will reside at their farm at Travers.

TOOTH IN LUNG



Little Elizabeth James, 8, (above) of Port Hope, Ont., is recovering after the extraction of a tooth from her lung in Philadelphia. Physicians in Toronto tried unsuccessfully to remove it, but the Philadelphia bronchoscope took it out as easily as a dentist pulls one.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Hansell were Lethbridge visitors this week.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick of Calgary, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. McAfee.

Mrs. W. D. Allan has her mother, Mrs. A. E. Graves, visiting with her from Nova Scotia.

Mrs. B. D. Lockhart and Miss Agnes Spence have returned from a holiday spent at the Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ottewell and family have taken up residence in the Charters' house.

Mrs. Ted Brooks of Calgary, is visiting with friends here. Mrs. Brooks is the former Miss Jean Laidlaw.

Mrs. D. C. Jones and daughter Eleanor, returned Sunday evening from an extended holiday at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Robinson and family left the first of the week for Yegha, Alberta, where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Lockhart, Mrs. W. Glenn and Mrs. D. McIntyre were visitors in Calgary for a couple of days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sales and family and Mr. Walter Sales of Calgary, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sales last Sunday.

Rev. Father Cunningham has returned to Vulcan after an extensive tour of the Eastern United States and Canada.

Mrs. Geo. McQueen, Miss Jeanette McQueen and Mr. D. D. McQueen, accompanied by Miss Florence Lindsay and Miss Ollie Hill were Drumheller visitors last week end.

Norman Jennijohn, who has spent the summer as a geologist at Great Bear Lake, will be flying to Edmonton at the end of the month where he will continue his studies at the University of Alberta.

The Mothers' Auxiliary of the Boy Scouts and Cubs Association will hold their first meeting of the season in the Canadian Legion hall on Wednesday, October 7th at 3 p.m. As this is the first meeting for some time, a large attendance is anticipated. Tea will be served.

Miss Marjorie Schenck and Miss Cora Woodward entertained a number of their young friends recently, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schneck. The young people played games and danced and afterwards a dainty lunch was served by the young hostesses. The guests included Miss Margaret Allan, Marie Clarkson, Hannah Clarkson, Messrs. Keith Fisher, Ford Fisher, Verne Almond, Chas. Carson, Harland Schenck and Mervin McIntyre.

SHOWER HELD FOR OCTOBER BRIDE-ELECT

A bridal shower was recently held at the home of Mrs. A. McIntyre in honor of Miss Maude Shaw, who is to be an October bride. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the popular bride-elect. A parasol was decorated with pink hearts, on which were written the directions for finding gifts which were hidden about the house. Among the gifts was a tiny suitcase which contained the bride's future, depicted by verses and articles such as a miniature rolling pin. Supper was served to about fifty guests at a table decorated with pink candles and streamers and centered with a miniature bride and groom.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McRoberts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mensinger, Mr. and Mrs. T. Knive, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walker, Mrs. H. Mc Masters and Mr. Dale Mc Masters of Nanton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Carr, Mr. Arthur Carr, Mrs. D. Price, Mrs. E. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adam, Mr. and Mrs. O. Doane, Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre, Mr. Lloyd Healy, Miss Bertha McIntyre, Mr. Willis McIntyre, Messrs. Jos. Gerding, Jr., Raymond Gerding, and Arnold Gerding, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Norman McKague, Miss M. Mallingier, Miss Ivah Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. L. Munson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hubbard, Miss Irma Christie, Mr. Dallas Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Del Thom, Mr. C. Coe, Miss Lillian Reid, Mr. Ben Hadley.

School Sports Oct. 3rd

The Vulcan school grounds will be the scene of considerable activity on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, when the annual Aldersyde district school sports are held here. Entrants are expected from Champion, Ensign, Carmangay, Barons and Nobleford, as well as from Vulcan. A full report of the outcome of the day's sports will be contained in our next issue.

Auction Sales Next Week

Posters have been printed by the Advocate during the past week announcing the closing-out auction sales of M. M. Thorne and of Mrs. Susan McIntyre. The auction sale at the farm of James Graham, announced for last Tuesday, has been postponed until the coming Monday, Oct. 5th. All sales are being handled by Auctioneer C. C. Rebbe.

Dance Season Starts

Dance fans of Vulcan and district will be fully catered to during the month of October, as no less than four dances are planned to be held in Vulcan and district within the next four weeks. On Monday, Oct. 5th, a barn dance will be held at the farm of W. G. Peterson on Friday, Oct. 9th a big novelty dance will be held in the Memorial hall under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, on Friday, Oct. 16th the Vulcan Tennis Club will hold their big dance in the Odd Fellows hall and on Friday, Oct. 30th the Elks will sponsor a novel "Klondyke Nights" dance.

Ladies' Circle Meeting

The Ladies' Circle of the Church of Christ met at the home Mrs. Wismer on Thursday, September 17th.

Mrs. Boose, the president, was in the chair. It was decided not to hold the annual fowl supper this year. After the business was completed a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Wismer. The next meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Ferguson on October 15th.

A special meeting was held later at which it was decided that the Circle would serve the lunch at the Thorne auction sale on October 8th.

ST. ALDHELM'S CHURCH

Sunday school will assemble in the church hall of St. Aldhelm's at 12:15, when the Primary Lesson will be "Martha and Mary," and the Senior Class Lesson will consider "Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven." Church services are at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Agnes McPhail, M.P. Home From Europe

Russia a Dark Spot She Thought.
Sweden and Denmark Success Worth Studying

Any comments which Miss Agnes McPhail, M.P., has to make can always be depended on for interest. She has recently returned from a summer's tour of Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Russia, and eastern papers are carrying the story of her great admiration for Swedish and Danish progress and methods. She was not so happily impressed with Russia.

From her visit she has reached the conclusion that the government should appoint a non-partisan parliamentary delegation, representative of all parties in the House of Commons, to visit Denmark, Sweden and Finland, study conditions there and make an unprejudiced report.

She made this suggestion because she believes that there is much that Canada can learn from each of these three countries, particularly in the preparation and marketing of farm products, and, she added, "because these countries are truly co-operative commonwealths."

But when she came to talk of Russia, that was a different story. "I would not like to have to live there," she said. "There are no smiling people, no gaiety, no whistling on the streets. If the people have any individual liberty, there is no sign of it apparent. In some things tremendous progress has been made, but the standard of living is far below our level in this country."

Although they have solved the unemployment problem, the people look like a nondescript population, with a very poor class of clothing, and as they walk about the streets there is no sign that they are happy. Yet I must qualify that by saying that in Russia one sees every kind of condition, good, indifferent, bad and very bad, according to the section which is visited. There were times when I felt exalted by what I saw, and times when I felt disgusted.

"In Russia," said Miss MacPhail, "there are splendid theatres for the entertainment of the people, a wonderful system of free medical care and hospital treatment when these are necessary, and they seem to have

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Registration in the Drumheller area came close to the 3500 mark.

A gas cut of 1 cent went into effect in Calgary last week, and 1 1-5 cents in Edmonton.

The new crop round Edmonton district is pouring in at an average of \$150,000 a day, the biggest money crop in years.

From Lethbridge Herald: A certain old lady left a note on her front door which read: "Will be gone for two weeks. Callers please leave names." She was surprised upon her return to find listed on the scratch pad she had affixed to the note these names: "Herbert Hoover, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Alfred Mossman Landon, George Bernard Shaw, Mahatma Gandhi, Haile Selassie and Mickey Mouse."

enough to eat, but while these things have been built up, in general living conditions they have been built down to a low level, in comparison with our standards here."

Regarding Denmark and Sweden, however, she had an enthusiastic story to tell. "Conditions in Sweden are such that if we had them in Canada we would consider we were having a boom," she said. "This is largely due to the co-operative system which has been established, and which is working so successfully that there is no unemployment and no distress."

In Denmark Miss McPhail discovered the reason why Danish butter and bacon command a premium and a preferred place in the British market, while Canada is far below filling the quota allowed by the British Government.

"Denmark holds the British market," she said, "because her producers and packers have studied that market, have studied the tastes of the people, and have produced their butter and bacon to meet those needs and tastes. The keynote of production is quality above everything else, and that is where they have the great advantage over the Canadian farmers."

"I saw, at one farm, two separate pens of hogs. They were being fed quite differently, one to produce the type of bacon required for the British market, the other for the German market. That is an example of how attention is paid to quality production."

"The uniform quality of butter is secured because there is no cream separation on the farm. It is all done at the factory, and the cream is uniform before the manufacture of butter starts."

"The whole secret of securing and retaining a hold on the British market for farm products is to produce a uniform high quality of goods, and in sufficient quantity to have a uniform supply at all times. That is what our Canadian farmers will have to do if they want to secure a larger share of that market. Incidentally, the time is ripe for making an effort, because there is at present a very definite reaction against the products in Britain for the reason that Denmark is buying very little from British manufacturers."

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THE BRITISH CHOICE

It is difficult to take a dispassionate view of war, and Canada's participation in any future slaughter. But Macaulay's magazine has an editorial presenting the quiet observations of an Englishman who is a close student of Canadian affairs: Referring to the recent furore created by the exchange of thought between Lord Elibank and Defence Minister Mackenzie on the subject of Canada's defense, this observer says: "There are a few Canadians who should be sat on." They go across to England, and, carried away by the enthusiasm of the moment, they make speeches saying that if Britain should become involved in another war, Canada will do exactly what she did in 1914, rise to a man and rush to the aid of the Motherland. Being regarded as representative Canadians, they are believed, but they have no right to make any such statement.

"This is not 1914. People have learned a great deal about war and its aftermath. Granted that many thousands of Canadians would volunteer their services, if Britain became involved in an outbreak, we have no right to assume that Canada as a nation would automatically rise to participate. The extent of her support would depend on circumstances."

"Anyone who ignores the fact that there is in Canada a considerable body of opinion against any pre-commitment is not doing the Empire a service. The disturbed state of Europe is forcing Great Britain to make a decision that will have a momentous effect on her future empire and foreign policies. And in that decision her statesmen must know nothing less than the truth about the feelings of the Dominions."

"For a long time under the old balance of power, Britain was both a continental power and the administrative centre of a great commonwealth of nations. It is no longer possible for her to be both. In Europe we have lost prestige. We may regain it in time to avert a general war. We may not."

"But in my opinion Britain cannot again be both a continental power and the leader of an Empire of self-governing dominions. The Dominions cannot with reason be counted on to subscribe unqualifiedly to any foreign policy, in the making of which they have no say."

"If Britain desires to continue as the centre of an Empire, then it follows that her policies must be such as will appeal to and ensure the support of the rest of the Empire. That inevitably must mean a removal from dangerous European entanglements."

"Consolidation of the Empire on that basis would enlist the sympathy and, in time, the support of the United States. Such an influence would be a powerful assurance of world peace."

"This is a long sighted view. I shouldn't be surprised if it were the view of King Edward who has a keener perception of trends than any statesman in the Empire today. I believe His Majesty's influence on foreign and empire policies of Britain will be most marked. And these are matters in which the King will figure for the preservation of democracy and the Empire."

MISTAKES

Hon. J. G. Gardiner who has covered a great part of Alberta and Saskatchewan during the past two weeks, has referred to a rehabilitation policy in regard to western agriculture. There can be no quarrel with his belief that there must be a more intelligent use of land, and a more careful survey of possibilities. This has been the observation of all who have studied Western agriculture. Mr. Sibley suggested the same thing when he gave his opinion recently, that a careful study of productivity over a period of years should be made.

There are areas in which people have been government charges year after year. Eventually the government funds are exhausted, without any value or advancement to anyone—and with little hope that the land will ever be depended upon to keep a family. After all the purpose of land settlement is independence and self-sustainment.

"Mistakes were made in settling the open spaces of the West," says Mr. Gardiner. "Rapid surveys were made, but no soil survey was made. The main thing is to keep people settled in areas with which they are familiar, so that they will make the most of what they have learned."

In Saskatchewan a start has been made in survey of soil and in various water conservation schemes. There are many "land poor" farmers so bowed in taxes and debts that

they cannot see their way out. There are instances in which a farmer who has made a poor job of farming two sections, may be asked to farm three-quarters, and the balance of his farm if involved in debt, could be transferred to others capable of making it pay.

Under soil survey, it might prove advisable to turn certain light land over to the government to be held as common pasture. There are no doubt parts of southern Alberta which would show up as unproductive for wheat growing and farming, under a long term survey of yield.

It is bad business for governments to go on indefinitely and indifferently furnishing relief to districts, which show no consistency of production. And the haphazard policy of shipping families vaguely to the Peace River, without exact knowledge of their prospects of livelihood in that country is also to be deplored. The areas already equipped with roads, schools, etc., should be thoroughly surveyed first, and even though it might mean smaller farms, settlement should be made in those areas so far as is possible.

SWEDEN'S SOLUTION

Upon the return of Miss Agnes McPhail from a European tour, she suggested that a non-partisan delegation from Canada might profitably spend time in Sweden and Denmark, studying favorable developments in those countries. Denmark has furthered agricultural industry by scrupulous, never-ceasing attention to the tastes of the markets which she seeks to serve. Producers and packers cater to those markets beginning with foundation stock and continuing through processing.

She turns to Sweden as a great example of co-operative success, largely responsible for the lack of distress and for the satisfactory evidences of employment. In these countries progress in depression years has not been punctuated by revolutionary changes or anything sensational. In fact one of the reasons for Sweden's favorable position is that she has avoided war for one hundred years. That in itself is an achievement considering her proximity to belligerent Mars-worshipping nations.

She has the most advanced social legislation in the world, and has achieved this without embarrassment to finances. The people generally are informed on economic lines, and she has two outstanding economic experts Knut Wicksell and Professor Gustave Cassell. Why is it that when Canada or provinces of Canada periodically seek the advice of financial experts, they do not call in such men as these, who have proved the success of their theories over a period of years?

During the past four years when other nations have been floundering, Sweden has followed the principle that money should have a constant buying power. In Sweden the value of money has followed the index price of the major commodities, in order that the buying power will have little variation from year to year. This relieves the people from the fluctuating value of money. Stability of buying power, and a high educational standard along social and economic lines has turned many inquiring eyes to that little land of Sweden, which is, after all, a smaller country than Alberta, without any conspicuous wealth of natural resources.

SASKATCHEWAN VS. ALBERTA

(From Lethbridge Herald)

"There are striking differences between the debt policies of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the public mind should be made clear as to those differences."

"Alberta, without conferring with creditors and coming to a mutual understanding, deliberately wiped out interest for a certain period of years and interest payments made within that period are applied on principal. Saskatchewan as the result of a round table conference, participated in by all the parties concerned, decided to wipe out all interest within the drought area only, but principal remains as it was, interest paid in the past is not to be used to reduce it. Saskatchewan also limits the legislation to the dried out areas, it doesn't permit it to be applied to the good districts. Alberta's legislation is applicable to all classes, rich and poor, and all districts, whether with good crops or with out-crops at all."

"Saskatchewan wipes out all tax arrears in the drought area. Alberta doesn't do that. Its legislation doesn't apply to debts owing it. Saskatchewan takes its loss along with all other creditors."

"Saskatchewan planned its debt policy by conferring with all the creditors; Alberta put its debt legislation on the statute book and snapped its fingers at the creditors. That is the notable difference between the two policies."

RESPONSIBILITY IMPROVES THE INDIVIDUAL

It is an undeniable and ever present trait of human nature that the best work which a person does during his lifetime is with the shadow in front of him, cast by the sword of responsibility hanging by the slenderest of threads over his head. As long as he is aware that his work is being scrutinized by eyes more suited than his before it is loosed to be gazed upon by the critical eyes of the world at large, just so long will his work be a mere minimum of what it would be if he were aware of holding full responsibility for it. There comes the thrill of achievement to the man who knows that the work which is being praised by his fellow man is his very own and creates in him a desire to do as well or better the next time. On the other hand if his work is criticized he accepts full responsibility and inwardly vows that "it shall not be again."—Milverton Sun.

A Fatal Mistake

The following, clipped from an exchange makes interesting reading, as well as producing a laugh: "The editor of a newspaper lost two of his subscribers lately through accidentally departing from the beaten path in his answers to correspondents. Two of his subscribers wrote to ask him his remedy for their respective troubles. No. 1, a happy father of twins, wrote to inquire the best way to get them safely over their teething, and No. 2, wanted to know how to protect his orchard from myriads of grasshoppers. The editor framed his answers upon the orthodox lines, but unfortunately he transposed the two names with the result that No. 1, who was blessed with twins got the following answer to his query: "Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to them and the little pests, after jumping about in the flames a few minutes, will be speedily settled." While No. 2, plagued with grasshoppers, was told to "Give them a little castor oil and rub their gums gently with a bone."—Bowmanville Statesman.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"I wonder if its loaded, I'll just look down the barrel and see."
"Oh, listen! That's the train whistle Step on the accelerator and we'll try to get across before it comes."
"They say those things can't explode, no matter how much you throw them around."
"I guess this rope will hold my weight."
"It's no fun swimming around in here. Let's go out beyond the life lines."
"What a funny noise that snake makes. I think I'll step on him."
"That firecracker must have gone out. I'll light it again."
"What's wrong with you? You can't see the scenery unless you lean out."
"It smells like gas, but I guess it's all right. Lend me a match."
"I took some medicine in the dark, and I must have got hold of the wrong kind."
"I'm not afraid to walk on the track."
"Let's change places, and I'll paddle."—James Waldo Fawcett.

Girls, Go Rural!

Nearly 200,000 Canadian farmers haven't any wives. Girls in search of husbands, please note. The bigger the city, the larger the proportion of females. Ottawa, by the way, holds the record for manlessness. Highest percentage of females in Canada. Easterners jokingly say an eligible male's reception to Toronto is "Who is he?" To Montreal, "What is he?" and to Ottawa, "Where is he?" Go rural, young woman, if you want a mate. That should do more to keep girls on the farm than any other kind of persuasion. Perhaps the unmarried sons of toil are elusive.—Chatelaine.

Woodrow Wilson said: "The president is the most heavily burdened officer in the world. No other man's day is so full as his, so full of the responsibilities which tax mind and conscience alike and demand an inexhaustible vitality. Men of ordinary physique and discretion cannot be presidents and live, if the strain be not somehow relieved. We shall be obliged always to be picking our chief magistrate from among wise and prudent athletes—a small class."

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Possible Cattle Outlet in Russia

Resumption of trade by Canada with Russia, recently announced from Ottawa, was read by Southern Alberta ranchers with interest as they see in the move the possible opening up of another outlet for Canadian cattle.

The efforts of C. G. Serkau some years ago to develop a trade deal with the Soviet Republic are recalled. Serkau planned to send cattle and hides to Russia in exchange for oil and other products from that country. The proposal was widely discussed in the press at the time, but nothing was done. However, something tangible in the way of livestock marketing in Russia is now seen as a possibility. A. Goodman, former Lethbridge lawyer, is now in the Sekau organization at Montreal.

George Ross, local rancher, said over the week end that while he was not in a position to say just what the new arrangement would mean to the Western Canada livestock industry, he readily agreed it offers interesting possibilities.—Lethbridge Herald.

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The Pooling method, which is the only other method which has been tried to date in Canada, cost the West many millions of dollars. It is no longer seriously advocated, even by those who invented it. If in the future any organization, commission or government can evolve a system of marketing Canada's crop which will consistently return to the farmer even a fraction of a cent more than he obtains through the present methods, the line elevator companies will be the first to endorse and adopt such a system. At the present time all elevator companies (including the Pools) market grain in exactly the same way because it is the best and cheapest way which has yet been devised.

Fair competition is the farmers' safeguard.

Propaganda by the Pools, through the Western Producer, country newspapers and field meetings, attacking the elevator companies because of marketing methods which the Pools themselves adopt, is untrue and hypocritical and merely designed to abolish the competition which is the farmers' best protection.

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Press in Brazil

In Brazil, says a writer, journalists are exempt from taxation because of their "social usefulness." What Aberhart desires them to have in Alberta is "Social Credit usefulness."—Barrie Examiner.

Politicians and Debts

Sir Edward Beatty holds the public to blame for high government debt. Politicians are coaxed to spend money he says. But has a Government no backbone? And are cabinets only concerned in getting re-elected? Sir Edward is right enough but the real trouble is that politics is politics. We are bought with our own money. A politician's job is to hold his job regardless of the debt result.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

For Speakers

For something like 16 years, in the pursuance of duty, we have listened to speeches. Three or four, in all that time, were worth listening to. The others might have been boiled down to the following bromides: "It is indeed, a pleasure, to be with you this evening . . . I am not unmindful . . . I am reminded of the story of the Scotaman . . . I make this statement without fear of successful contradiction . . . The future fate of America lies in the sanctity of the home . . . Our mothers, God bless them! . . . Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln . . . Our great President . . . The money barons of Wall Street . . . I am willing to put my case before the people . . . One more word and I am done (that word taking 38 minutes longer) . . . I thank you."—Arkansas City Traveller.

Another Angle of The Debt Question

Retired Farmer Records His Plight Through Edmonton Journal

The following letter in the Edmonton Journal indicates that though debt legislation may be beneficial to many it also has its sad casualties.

To my mind the most distressing casualty in connection with the cancellation of debts act is the class of retired farmers, for the great majority of them will be ruined by this new legislation.

"It is this class of old settlers and pioneers who have made Alberta. These old farmers, now too old to work, who have sold their farms under agreements of sale, or who have received the cash for their land and have re-invested their little capital in farm mortgages; a logical thing for old farmers to do for this kind of investment is the only thing they knew something about. After all, it is no crime to own a mortgage.

"Permit me to give you just two concrete examples to show how this new debt cancellation act affects me; naturally I can not mention names.

"Number One is a well-to-do farmer of the Morinville district, who owes me \$1,500 on a mortgage and who also owes \$150 at the bank. This man has no further debts except some taxes. He has a half section of good land, good farm buildings, a tractor, threshing machine and other farm implements free of debt. He has always paid his interest on my mortgage with the exception of \$50 last fall. Now, according to the terms of this new law I must refund to this man or credit to him on my mortgage all interest paid by him since 1932, amounting to \$430. Interest which this man paid willingly, never expected to get back and which he does not need, but which I need ten times worse than he does.

"Number Two is also a well-to-do farmer at Morinville, with a half-section of land; he has good farm buildings and the same park of farm machinery as Number One and same are all paid for. This man owes me \$1,650 on a mortgage and he has no other debts excepting perhaps a few taxes. The same computation applies in respect of this interest as in Number One and the net refund would be \$478, after deducting \$50 arrears in interest.

"Both farmers are more prosperous than I am; they are running high-priced cars while I did not take my car out of the garage this year as I could not stand the expense.

"But this is not all. What is left of my capital, after these deductions, is dribbled out for ten years without interest, and in fact, I am not to receive any money at all until November 15, 1937. How am I going to live with my family in the meantime? My credit is ruined at the bank, for to own a mortgage now is a liability and not an asset.

"Are we perhaps some of the 'big shots' about whom we have heard so much on the political platforms and over the radio? Are we taking any money out of Alberta, or are we spending our income right here in the province?

"This obvious injustice could be remedied if the government would amend the settlement and cancellation of debts act to the effect that every bona fide retired farmer living in and spending his income within the province, would be exempt from the provisions of the act up to five per cent. per annum of his capital, so that we would be on the same basis as the soldiers settlement and farm loan boards. And of course the obnoxious retroactive clause in the act, which I believe I have shown to be very unjust would have to be modified."

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Cancelling Debts In Saskatchewan

Drought Areas Benefit by Mutual Agreement of Loan Companies, Federal and Provincial Gov't's

Following a conference of the Saskatchewan and federal governments with Canadian mortgage companies, Premier Patterson has announced the cancellation of \$75,000,000 in taxes, relief and interest debts in 158 drought municipalities of Saskatchewan.

Under the new agreement there will be reduction in interest on all farm mortgages to 6 per cent., effective from January 1937.

All unpaid interest accumulated in drought areas on mortgages up to January 1935, will be cancelled. Interest owing for 1935 and 1936 will be consolidated (effective January 1937) with the principal. The consolidated amount will be paid over a period of ten years. For the first three years principal and interest payments will be secured by one-third crop, and if this should not be equal to the amount of annual payment, then time for payment will be extended.

All relief and seed grain indebtedness of rural relief recipients incurred before January 1, 1935, advanced during the last 15 years, is to be cancelled. Taxes will be reduced January 1937, to approximate average of ten years. Cancellation of taxes applies strictly to drought area. Interest on agreements of sale will be reduced to 6 per cent. from Jan. 1, 1935, and unpaid interest to Jan. 1935 will be written off.

Urban mortgages though not included in the General Act will be dealt with individually, and brought into line insofar as possible with other adjustments.

The government expects that all other creditors under mortgage or agreements for sale in the drought area will make the same measure of adjustment as the companies have agreed upon and in any case where there is failure to do so the matter will be disposed of by existing debt adjustment facilities.

Between 40,000 and 50,000 farmers are directly concerned with benefits of drought area debt cancellation announced by the Saskatchewan government today. About one-third of the \$75,000,000 cut from rural debts is reported to be made up of arrears of interest on farm mortgages.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. H. Amey of Eastway is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Colby Carr at Okotoks.

Mrs. E. Scott and sons are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson at Rocky Mountain House.

Mrs. H. Herr and Miss Meta Watt have returned to their home in Vancouver after visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McIntyre, of Brockett, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on September 25th.

Thanksgiving day falls this year on Monday, October 12th and is a public holiday. This makes the last long week end holiday of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Colby Carr of Okotoks, late of Berrywater, announce the birth of a son on Thursday, September 24th, at the Holy Cross hospital, Calgary.

This week sees the beginning of another cartage concern, operating between Calgary and Vulcan. It is owned and operated by a well known Vulcan boy, Ford Fisher.

Mrs. A. Brooks has returned home from a vacation spent at the Coast.

Mrs. Miles Pharis, of Champion, is substituting for Miss Gladys Hanson in the latter's beauty parlor, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stafford and son of Turner Valley, are visiting at the home of Peter Bowie at Reid Hill.

Mrs. Eric Green of Calgary, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Johnson.

Miss Gladys Hanson and Mr. "Buster" Burns left on Sunday for Chedokeville for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. Hanson. They will be accompanied on their return by Mrs. Burns and children.

Gordon "Sonny" Rutten, formerly a resident of Vulcan and last year a player in the Seattle Commercial hockey league, will be playing hockey with a team at Vernon, B.C. this coming winter.

Mrs. N. A. Willard of the Buffalo Hill district entertained recently in honor of Mrs. Jack Ryan of Calgary. Mrs. Ryan is a former Buffalo Hills resident and has just returned from Vancouver. About eighteen friends and neighbors were present and singing and dancing to music played by Jack Willard was enjoyed. Luncheon was served by the hostess.

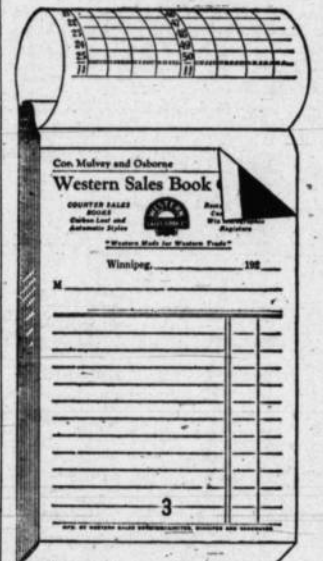
On the eve of his departure for Delbourne where he will spend the winter months, about thirty friends and neighbors of Robert Curtis gathered at his home on the evening of September 22nd.

Games and stunts were indulged in until a late hour, after which the ladies served lunch. After wishing Bob every success, all departed for their respective homes.

The Advocate will be pleased to receive weekly or occasional budgets of news from Red Cross, Lomond, Milo, Reid Hill, Brant, Kirkcaldy and other districts adjacent to Vulcan. Persons who are interested in having the events of their various districts recorded in the Advocate are asked to send in a list of news items to this office, signing their names, whereupon paper and envelopes will be mailed to them.

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